

Our Reference North East and North Cumbria ICB\
FOI ICB 24-453

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By Email

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Dear Applicant

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 21 February 2025 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (the ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland, and Tees Valley (which covers the five local authorities of Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees).

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

Your Request

1. Please would you be able to share with me the specific plans and strategies the ICS has for clearing backlogs in elective surgery.
2. If you can let me know specifically which hospitals/day units, etc, are earmarked to deal with the backlog in elective surgery that would be helpful.

Our Response

We can confirm, as per Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the ICB holds some of the information you have requested.

1. NENC ICB is currently planning for 2025/26 in line with the nationally prescribed planning round timeframe. Headline submissions are due to NHS England on 27 February 2025. Final plans are set to be approved by the ICB on 25 March before being submitted to NHS England by 27 March 2025. The ICB's plans for elective recovery are not yet set and, on this basis, the information you have requested is not held.

For your reference, NENC ICB has delegated overseeing elective recovery to the North East and North Cumbria Provider Collaborative and the collaborative is collating the system response to the reforming elective care plan as published by NHS England earlier this year. The link to the Provider Collaborative website is [Home: NENC Providers](#). The Integrated Care Partnership Strategy can be found here: [Integrated Care Strategy – Better health and wellbeing](#)

2. All acute hospitals in the North East and North Cumbria are commissioned to deliver elective activity and the plans being developed will be responding to the NHS England ambitions. As per the response to question 1, the detail will not be finalised until after 27 March 2025.

In addition and in accordance with our duty under s.16 of the FOIA to provide reasonable advice and assistance to an individual requesting information, we have also provided the FOI email addresses for NENC foundation trusts below.

NENC Acute Hospital FTs	Email
County Durham and Darlington NHS FT	cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.net
Gateshead Health NHS FT	ghnt.foi.enquiries@nhs.net
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT	foirequest@cumbria.nhs.uk
North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT	foi@nth.nhs.uk
Northumbria Healthcare NHS FT	foi@northumbria.nhs.uk
South Tees Hospitals NHS FT	foi@stees.nhs.uk
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS FT	stsft.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS FT	nuth.freedom.information@nhs.net

In accordance with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your review, you do have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
 Wycliffe House
 Water Lane
 Wilmslow
 Cheshire
 SK9 5AF

www.ico.org.uk

Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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